

# Pokagon State Park

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## And Other Park Events!

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**September 2008**

### Potawatomi Inn Activities!

**There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.**

Come take a ride on "The Lonidaw," a replica of a 1902 model electric boat built by Elco. Guests are taken on a 45-minute leisurely tour of the first and second basin of Lake James where they learn the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park.

The boat in the evenings on weekends. Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. See Inn for details.



*Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...*

***All Programs are Eastern Daylight Savings Time!***

***Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at***

***[www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov)***

### Saturday September 6

- 10:00am **INShape Indiana Walk.** Throughout Indiana, State Parks will be hosting these special fitness walks to promote healthy living while enjoying our trails. Join Park Manager Ted Bohman for a guided hike from the Potawatomi Inn, over parts of the bicycle trail, down to the Main Beach, up past our historic CCC Shelter, back to bike trail and to the Inn. We'll meet at the Potawatomi Inn Parking Lot in the northwest corner (at the parking lot entrance. There will be a drawing for a limited number of drawstring backpacks. Dress appropriately and join in the fun. For more information, visit [www.INSHAPE.IN.gov](http://www.INSHAPE.IN.gov).
- 3:00pm **A Golden Opportunity.** That's what we'll have to see some interesting things associated with our often maligned goldenrod plant. Today, we'll meet at the Nature Center Front Deck from where we'll head out to a nearby open area to see the variety of goldenrod plants and the variety of insects that call them home. Prepare for a little off-trail walking on this one hour guided tour. AH

### Sunday September 7

- 8:00am **Fresh Air Walk.** Nothing beats an early morning for fresh-air walking and a chance meeting with wildlife. Join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for a 1-½ hour discovery hike. Bring binoculars, if you have some, or borrow a pair of ours, to spot the early birds and any other animals out and about. Don't miss it! FW

## Saturday September 13

- 10:30am **The Tree Key!** Ever want to know a neat and easy way to identify trees?... Come to the Nature Center Program Area and pick up a key for unlocking the identities to some of our common local trees. Then take it home to unlock the mysteries of your own backyard! Great program for fall leaf collections. DH



- 3:00pm **Fall Furs for Winter.** Stop by the Nature Center Auditorium for a close up look and feel at some furs of common Pokagon mammals and a discussion on how they are changing (or not) as mammals prepare for winter ahead. DH

## Sunday September 14

- 8:00am **Early Morning Meander.** See Sunday September 7, Fresh Air Walk for details. Led by volunteer Naturalist Lance Lothamer. Join Lance for our traditional Sunday Morning Walk!

## Saturday September 20

- 9:30am **Geology Jaunt.** Put on the hikin' shoes for this one! Gather at the Inn Main Entrance where we'll take off for a nice jaunt along trail 3. We'll cover glacial made lakes, marshes, ridges, hills, and all of the life that these features support. A good walk for those who like to hike. We'll probably be out a couple of hours. FW
- 3:00pm **Tracks and Scats – what's left behind!** Be a nature detective as we discuss what Pokagon critters have left behind, both from their feet ... and from their behinds... Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a show and tell and pick and smell program (just kidding on the smell...). It's great family fun! Join us. SS

## Sunday September 21

- 8:00am **The Fall Migration.** Autumn officially begins tomorrow, but autumn birds have been making their way south for sometime now. Join us out on the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning jaunt up the road and through the marsh and back. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. Add to your life list of birds, or just see some familiar feathered friends.



*Sea Plane Fly In today on the Potawatomi Inn Lawn.*

*Planes arriving 8am to 2pm.*

*Stop by to view planes, talk with pilots and sign  
for a drawing for a free ride.*

*For more information, visit [www.seaplanepilots.org/inspa](http://www.seaplanepilots.org/inspa)*

## Saturday September 27

- 10:00am **Step back to 1940 – A History Hike** Meet at the Campers' store parking lot from where we'll do about a one-mile walk taking us to the bridge, beach, and back, past many structures built by the CCC from 1935-1942. FW
- 3:00pm **Fall Wetland Watching.** Meet at the Inn Main Entrance for a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve. We'll visit some wetland habitat, including Pokagon's tiny, hidden Lake Lonidaw. This is a beautiful area any time of year and particularly pleasing in the autumn of the year. Join us! FW
- 7:30pm **Annual Autumn Harvest Hoedown!** Gather at the South Beach Parking Lot for some music, square dancing, campfire, and all around great time! The music will be supplied by Prairie Fire String Band.
- 10:00pm A square dance caller will lead us in the steps. No experience necessary. Local Boy Scout Troop 125 will be selling hotdogs, candy, pop, and cocoa. Great family fun!

## Sunday September 28

- 8:00am **Autumn Morning Meander.** It's the first full Sunday of fall. Join us out on the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning jaunt up the road and through the marsh and back. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. It's a refreshing way to start your day and before heading home from the weekend. FW
- 11:00am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop on by the Nature Center Auditorium and watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourself! DH

## ***Coming Attractions!***

Coming in October: **Stockbridge Audubon Society Meeting and Program**

Sunday, October 12 “Evergreens and Tundra:  
A Bird Study of Washington and Alaska” by Sam Plew.

**Ghost Tales and other Stories of the Season**

October 25, two sessions 6:30 and 8:30pm  
A 17 year tradition at the CCC Shelter!

Coming in November: **Toboggan Season Opens the day after Thanksgiving!**

Fully refrigerated and open weekends through February and  
special hours and days during Christmas holidays.

Coming in December: **Toboggan Time Trials!**

December 6, 1pm to 3pm.  
Get your team together and race against the radar gun!

Coming in January and February: **Cross Country Skiing, Snowshoeing Programs**

Weekends through the Winter. Join us!  
Nature Center open Daily

**Nature Center Autumn Hours**  
**Monday-Friday, 1pm to 5pm.**  
**Weekends: 10am to 5pm.**



